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SUBJECT: W/W-JOHN J. SULLIVAN

REF:SAN SALVADOR 5828

1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL HAVE BEEN RELAYED TO THE SULLIVAN FAMILY. IT CONFIRMED MUCH OF WHAT THEY HAD ALREADY LEARNED FROM VARIOUS PRESS REPORTS. BOTH THE DEPT AND THE FAMILY AGREE THAT THE REPORT APPEARS CONCLUSIVE. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SEVERAL LOOSE ENDS WHICH WE BOTH AGREE SHOULD BE TIED UP.

2. FAMILY ADVISED THAT JOHN SULLIVAN'S INSEAM SIZE WAS 34 INCHES. THEY REMEBER HIM AS BEING "NORMAL TO LONG-LEGGED". THEY AGREED THAT HIS LEGS COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONSIDERED DISPORPORTIONATELY SHORT WHEN COMPARED TO HIS TORSO.

3. HIS SISTER SUGGESTED THAT THE FABRIC WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN PROTECTED BY THE PATCH POCKET OF THE JEANS BE EXAMINED AS IT MAY GIVE A HINT OF THE GARMENT'S COLOR. SHE ALSO ASKED THAT SHE BE SUPPLIED WITH A SAMPLE OF THE CLOTH. IF THAT SHOULD PROVE IMPOSSIBLE, SHE WOULD LIKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FABRIC SO THAT SHE MAY HAVE A

BETTER IDEA OF THE FABRIC'S PATTERN.

4. THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT AS WELL AS ANY REPORT RELATING THE DISCOVERY AND ORIGINAL BURIAL OF THE BODY. WAS THE BURIAL AND BODY PHOTOGRAPHED?

5. CONGRESSWOMAN ROUKEMA'S OFFICE HAS MADE AVAILABLE A COPY OF A UPI ARTICLE BY FREDERICK KIEL WHICH APPEARED IN THE PATERSON NEWS ON JULY 14, 1982. IN THIS ARTICLE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER IS REPORTED AS HAVING STATED THAT "SULLIVAN HAD SUFFERED A FRACTURED RIGHT LEG IN THE MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT AND THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A FRACTURE IN THE LEGS OF THE SKELETON". THE FAMILY POINTS OUT THAT JOHN SULLIVAN NEVER BROKE A BONE IN AN ACCIDENT AND WONDERS THE BASIS FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S STATEMENT.

6. THE SAME ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT ONE OF THE WITNESSES TO THE ORIGINAL BURIAL CLAIMS THAT TWO AMERICAN COINS WERE FOUND IN THE POCKET OF THE BODY. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO VERIFY THAT STATEMENT.

7. POST'S EFFORTS ON THIS HAVE BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE DEPARTMENT. STOESSEL

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